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Honorable P. Kevin Castel  
United States District Judge  
Southern District of New York  
500 Pearl Street  
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The conditions of pretrial release are  
modified as indicated in numbers 1, 2,  
and 3.

SO ORDERED.

**Re: United States v. Virgil Griffith,** 2/11/2021  
**20 Cr. 15 (PKC)**

  
P. Kevin Castel  
United States District Judge

Dear Judge Castel:

Defendant Virgil Griffith respectfully requests that certain of his pretrial release conditions be modified. The defense has conferred with Pretrial Services and the government, and both do not oppose the requested modifications.

Mr. Griffith has been on pretrial release for over a year, and has been and remains in full compliance with his pretrial release conditions. Since his release in early 2020, Mr. Griffith has made both an in-person court appearance (traveling from Tuscaloosa, Alabama) and numerous ones that were conducted telephonically due to the pandemic. As part of his pretrial release conditions, Mr. Griffith is currently subject to regular drug testing, cannot use an e-reader like the Kindle, and can only e-mail with his legal counsel. (Dkt. No. 15.)

Mr. Griffith seeks the following modifications to those restrictions:

1. Drug testing and treatment as directed by Pretrial Services is terminated.
2. Mr. Griffith is allowed to use a Kindle (an Amazon e-reader that allows you to access books, magazines, newspapers and other content), with the condition that the Kindle be subject to inspection by Pretrial Services at their request.
3. Mr. Griffith is allowed to e-mail with non-attorneys, with the following conditions:  
(a) he use a U.S.-based, unencrypted e-mail provider (like Gmail); (b) he identify any email account used for this purpose to Pretrial Services; (c) and his emails with non-attorneys be subject to inspection by Pretrial Services at their request.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Mr. Griffith's computer has and will continue to have monitoring software on it, per the existing pretrial release conditions. (Dkt. No. 15.)



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Mr. Griffith respectfully requests that the Court order the above modifications, which are unopposed by both Pretrial Services and the government.

Respectfully submitted,

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